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Province Helps Entrepreneur Break Into The Music Industry - #940056

McGuinty Government On The Side Of Northerners

SUDBURY – The Ontario government is contributing to the growth of the northern music industry by helping a young entrepreneur establish a recording studio in Dowling, Northern Development and Mines Minister Rick Bartolucci announced today.

"We have many talented and creative young people living in the North," said Bartolucci. "We are excited to be helping them create their own opportunities to stay in the North to pursue their dreams and careers."

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) will provide $25,000 through its Young Entrepreneur Program to launch Rednartso Recording Studio in Dowling. Funding will be used to equip the studio with the necessary equipment to service film and television clients.

"Our commitment to northern youth entrepreneurship is a fundamental part of our plan for building stronger communities and a strong economy now and well into the future," said Bartolucci who also chairs the NOHFC. "We are investing in the North's skilled and professional workforce of tomorrow and positioning the North for greater prosperity."

This initiative is just one way the NOHFC is supporting the film and television and industry in Northern Ontario. Others include:

- Contributing more than $4 million to Northern television and film projects such as the Sudbury-produced, animated CBC series Chilly Beach, and the CTV movie Shania
- Investing $150,000 to encourage production companies to consider Northern Ontario as a potential location for their film and television projects
- Providing $875,000 towards the Centre for Advanced Media Production at Confederation College.

These initiatives are part of the government's Northern Prosperity Plan for building stronger northern communities. The Northern Prosperity Plan has four pillars: Strengthening the North and its Communities; Listening to and Serving Northerners Better; Competing Globally; and Providing Opportunities for All.

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